

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Wildlife

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Wildlife	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does this application help the producer implement a conservation system with at least one identified resource concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the contract result in at least 5 acres of early successional habitat development (Practice Codes 314, 315, 327, 338, 386, 394, 422, 647, 666) and/or management within Quail Focus Areas (Bledsoe, Cocke, Coffee, Cumberland, Greene, Grundy, Fayette, Hamblen, Van Buren, Warren and White counties in Tennessee, and within 3 miles of the Wildlife Management Area as defined by provided GIS layers)? Map for listed counties at the following link: F:\geodata\endangered_habitat\Quail Focus Areas	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. As a result of this application, will any of the following forestry management treatments that benefit wildlife be installed: prescribed burning in forest (Code 338), patch cutting (Code 647), forest stand improvement (Code 666) or edge feathering (Code 647)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the contract include at least 5 acres of cropland or grassland converted to a specific combination of native grass/forb mixture, including at least 2.5% of the acreage in shrub thicket or hedgerow, through planting or natural regeneration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the contract include a scheduled enhancement to at least 5 acres of existing native grasses at least once during the contract period? Eligible enhancements include the establishment of a native shrub thicket and/or hedgerow component at least 2.5% of the size of the existing grassland area, plus either prescribed burning OR disking, OR herbicide application followed by forb interseeding?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the practice or practices applicant plans to install exclude all livestock (except for limited maintenance grazing pre-approved by area office) from ALL streams and water bodies on the property according to NRCS standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the applicant going to implement a Riparian Forest Buffer according to the standard and at least 50 feet average width according to NRCS standard for aquatic habitat protection? (Existing vegetation that meets the RFB standard may serve as a portion or all of the RFB if of sufficient width.) The Riparian Forest Buffer must be excluded from livestock, if present.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the contract treatment acres equal or exceed 50 acres? ANSWER ONLY ONE QUESTION FROM QUESTIONS 8-11 and treatment acres are total acres receiving a contracted practice.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the contract treatment acres be between 25 and 49.9 acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will the contract treatment acres be between 15 and 24.9 acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will the contract treatment acres be between 5 and 14.9 acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Has the applicant ever had an EQIP contract terminated within the participants control in the last five years OR has applicant ever destroyed or failed to maintain a practice for its designated life span (NRCS technical errors excluded as determined by the Area Conservationist)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. Will this application result in the control of a minimum 5 acres of invasive or non-native plants through Herbaceous Weed Control (315) or Brush Management (314)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will 15 or more acres of open land (no woodland cleared) be converted to early successional habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will this application result in eradicating either fescue or bermudagrass through Herbaceous Weed Control (315) to establish early successional habitat through natural regeneration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will this application result in the establishment of a 50 feet wide or wider buffer consisting of native herbaceous vegetation (minimum average width of 50 feet) or shrubs (minimum average width of 20 feet) on at least 50% of the length of the stream(s). Width requirements apply to each side.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will this project result in the creation of at least 1.0 acre of pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the site adjacent to a Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE)/Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) Easement, Federal Wildlife Refuge, National or State Forest, Wildlife Management Area, State Park, Natural Area or other state or federal conservation lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will this project benefit wetland wildlife through Wetland Creation, Wetland Enhancement, or Wetland restoration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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